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PATENT  
MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1632  
Darwin J. Prockop *et al.* :  
  
Appln. No.: 09/816,182 : Examiner: Falk, Anne Marie  
  
Filing Date: March 23, 2001 :  
For: EARLY STAGE MULTIPOTENTIAL : Attorney Docket  
STEM CELLS IN COLONIES OF BONE : No. 053844-5019-00  
MARROW STROMAL CELLS :  
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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to and including May 17, 2004 for responding to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, in view of the fact that May 15, 2004 and May 16, 2004 are a Saturday and Sunday.

A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ .00 is enclosed herewith.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (**Billing No. 053844-5019**) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.  
 Extension fee in the amount of **\$55.00**.  
 Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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